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Transmitted herewith for filing is a 129-page patent specification including 67 claims and an abstract. Also included is a 2-page sequence listing and Figures 1-25 on 25 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Sunil Chada, Elizabeth Grimm, Abner Mhashilkar, Bob Schrock, and Ramesh Rajagopal for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

Applicants claim small entity status.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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